

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Office Action is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action the status of the claims was listed as follows:

Claims allowed 1-15, 17-19, 28-31, and 33-35.

Claims objected to 23-26.

Claims rejected 20-22, 27, 36-43, 45 and 46 (with claims 20, 27, 36, 40, 45 and 46 being independent claims).

Included in the claim rejections is a rejection of claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph. While the issue raised relative to Claim 27 is respectfully submitted to be an objectionable claim informality, rather than a 35 USC § 112 rejection issue, claim 27 has been amended to remove the antecedent basis rejection.

Relative to the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection under Brooks against claims 20-22, 27, 36-43, and 45-46, a review of each of amended independent claims 20, 27, 36, 40, 45 and 46 reveals that each presents a closure device and/or locking device arrangement not disclosed or suggested by the latch lever 54 in Brooks relied upon in the Office Action as the “pivot door” (for example) in the previously claimed invention. The presently claimed arrangement provides for easy access and closure, as well as improved relative positioning as compared to the Brook’s latch device 54 with point of contact locking at its free end.

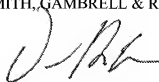
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application stands in condition for allowance. If for any reason, however, it is deemed that the present application is not in condition for immediate allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to further discuss the case.

Also, while no fees are believed due with this filing, if any fees are deemed due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to Deposit Account 02-4300; Order No. 034017.006.

Respectfully submitted,

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